UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

STEVE MACRINA, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,
 	
   Plaintiff,
 	
   v.
 	
J. ROGER MOYER, JR., THOMAS DAUTRICH, GEORGE W. GRANER, EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC, and BANK OF LANCASTER, N.A.,
 	
   Defendants.
	No. 07 Civ. 4108 (JGK)

BRIAN JOHNSON, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,
 	
   Plaintiff,
 	
   v.
 	
STERLING FINANCIAL CORP., J. ROGER MOYER, JR., J. BRADLEY SCOVILL, and TITO L. LIMA,
 	
   Defendants.
	No. 07 Civ. 4652 (JGK)

CASTLE STRATEGIC TRADING, LLC, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,
 	
   Plaintiff,
 	
   v.
 	
J. ROGER MOYER, JR., THOMAS DAUTRICH, GEORGE W. GRANER, EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC, and BANK OF LANCASTER, N.A.,
 	
   Defendants.
	No. 07 Civ. 5594 (JGK)

JEFFREY M. COOLEY, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,
 	
   Plaintiff,
 	
   v.
 	
STERLING FINANCIAL CORP., J. ROGER MOYER, JR., J. BRADLEY SCOVILL, and TITO L. LIMA,
 	
   Defendants.
	No. 07 Civ. 5694 (JGK)

**DECLARATION OF CATHERINE A. TORELL IN SUPPORT OF MOTION OF
KENNETH A. SMITH FOR APPOINTMENT AS LEAD PLAINTIFF, APPOINTMENT
OF LEAD COUNSEL, AND CONSOLIDATION OF RELATED ACTIONS**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Catherine A. Torell, declare as follows:

1.   I am a member in good standing of the New York bar and admitted to practice in

this District. I submit this declaration in support of the motion filed by Kenneth A. Smith

("Movant") to: (1) appoint Movant as Lead Plaintiff; (2) appoint Lead Counsel for the class; and

(3) consolidate all pending related actions.

2.   Attached as exhibits hereto are true and correct copies of the following:

Exhibit A: Notice of filing of a complaint to shareholders of Sterling Financial Corp.,
dated May 25, 2007;

Exhibit B: Certification of Movant;

Exhibit C: Firm Biography of Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld & Toll, P.L.LC.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my

knowledge.

Dated: July 24, 2007   /s/ Catherine A. Torell
                                        Catherine A. Torell